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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: March 2023

The unemployment rate in Guam for March 2023 was 4.3 percent, an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the December 2022 figure of 4.0 percent, and a reduction of 0.8 percentage points from the March 2022 figure one year earlier of 5.1 percent.

The total number of persons unemployed in March 2023 was 3,160, an increase in the latest quarter but a decline over the year. The March 2023 statistics continue the general trend of reduced numbers of unemployed persons along with lower unemployment rates since the pandemic high figures occurred in December 2020.

Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over in March 2023 was 123,160. The covered civilian population is comprised of those in the labor force and those not in the labor force.

The March 2023 unemployment rate reflected an increase in the number of persons unemployed along with an increase in employment and a decrease in the number of persons that were out of the labor force. The number of persons not in the labor force decreased from 51,480 in March 2022 to 48,950 in March 2023.

The labor force participation rate, the civilian labor force as a fraction of the civilian population age 16 years of age and over, increased to 60.2 percent in March 2023 from 58.6 percent in March 2022.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Data on labor force, employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in its Current Labor Force Statistics program. These periodic surveys of the population are conducted with a scientifically selected sample of households designed to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 16 years of age and over. The inquiry relates to activity or status during the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, which includes the 12th of the month. This is known as the survey week. Actual field interviewing is conducted in the following weeks.

Inmates of institutions, members of the Armed Forces, civilian living in military installations and housings, persons under 16 years of age, and nonimmigrant aliens are not covered in the periodic enumerations and are excluded from this report. Included in this report are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Marshall Islands, who are authorized by the Compact of Free Association to accept employment in the United States and also, citizens of the Republic of Palau which are authorized to accept employment through the Covenant with the U.S. in October 1994.

Employed persons comprise (a) all those within the scope of the survey who, during the survey week did any work at all as paid employees, in their own business, profession, or farm or who worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those were not working but who had jobs or business from which they were absent because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labor-management dispute, or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid by their employers for the time off, and whether or not they were seeking other jobs.

Each employed person is counted only once. For those who hold more than one job, the job which they worked the greatest number of hours during the reference period is the one counted.

Excluded are persons whose only activity consisted of work around the house (such as, own home housework, and painting or repairing own home) or volunteer work for religious, charitable, and similar organizations.

Unemployed persons comprise of all persons within the scope of the survey, who did not work during the survey week, who made specific efforts to find a job within the past 4 weeks, and who were available for work during the survey week (except for temporary illness). Also included as unemployed are those who did not work at all, were available for work, and (a) were waiting to be called back to a job from which they were laid off; or (b) were waiting to report to a new wage or salary job within 30 days.

The **civilian labor force** comprises the total of all civilians as employed or unemployed in accordance with the criteria described above.

Not in the labor force includes all civilians within the scope of the survey 16 years and over who are not classified as employed or unemployed. Persons doing only incidental unpaid family work (less than 15 hours) are also classified as not in the labor force.

Reliability of the estimates Statistics based on the household and establishment surveys are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the true population values they represent.

Acknowledgement is due to those surveyed individuals whose cooperation and participation made this survey possible.

TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: March 2023

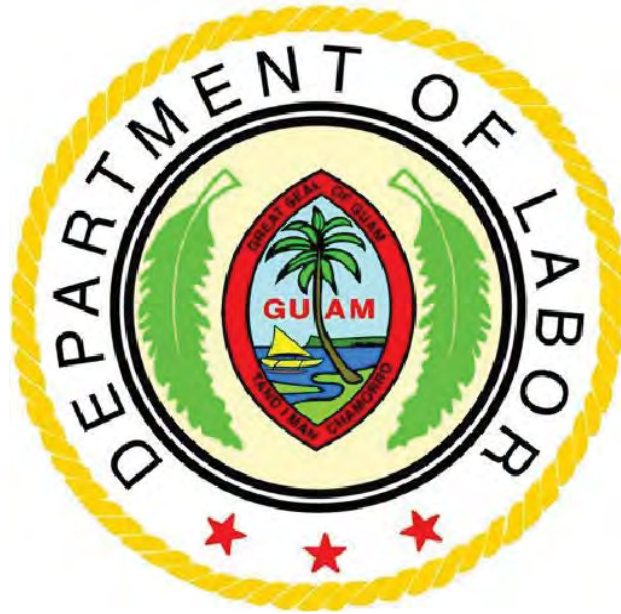
SELECTED CATEGORIES	Dec 2021	Mar 2022	Jun 2022	Sep 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	124,120	124,200	123,980	123,640	123,110	123,160
Civilian Labor Force	72,170	72,720	69,780	71,680	73,370	74,210
Total Employed	66,980	69,050	66,400	68,550	70,460	71,050
Adult women	32,300	33,500	31,150	31,610	30,670	31,970
Adult men	33,660	35,140	34,690	35,370	38,130	36,710
Teenagers	1,020	410	560	1,570	1,660	2,370
Household Heads	24,820	28,600	25,260	27,540	25,290	31,380
Full-time workers	60,180	60,880	56,990	61,040	65,070	63,940
Part-time workers	6,800	8,170	9,410	7,510	5,390	7,110
U.S. Citizens	51,340	59,650	54,140	59,850	56,780	61,580
Immigrant aliens	15,640	9,400	10,560	8,700	13,680	9,470
Veterans	4,420	6,130	5,450	6,260	4,560	7,110
Total Unemployed	5,190	3,670	3,380	3,130	2,900	3,160
Not in the Labor Force	51,950	51,480	54,200	51,960	49,740	48,950

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%						
All Workers	7.2	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.0	4.3
Adult women	1.2	4.7	3.0	2.9	3.9	3.6
Adult men	8.8	5.5	4.6	3.4	1.1	3.1
Teenagers	66.7	-	23.0	37.5	42.9	-
Household Heads	6.1	1.4	2.8	5.4	3.2	1.9
Full-time workers	6.2	4.5	4.8	3.9	4.3	3.6
Part-time workers	15.2	9.1	5.1	7.7	-	-
U.S. Citizens	8.6	5.2	4.9	4.2	3.5	2.8
Immigrants Aliens	2.5	4.2	4.1	6.3	5.7	5.9

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: March 2023

CATEGORIES	Dec 2021	Mar 2022	Jun 2022	Sep 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023
Not in the Labor Force	51,950	51,480	54,200	51,960	49,740	48,950
Did not want a job during survey period	48,550	49,030	50,670	50,390	49,330	48,360
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	3,400	2,450	3,530	1,570	415	590
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	680	410	520	-	-	590
Cannot find work	680	820	820	-	-	590
School attendance	-	820	790	310	-	-
Family Responsibility	2,380	-	980	310	-	590
Cannot arrange child care	340	-	140	-	415	-
Others	1,360	820	1,910	940	-	-

NOTES: Sum of details may not equal totals due to rounding. Respondents may list more than one reason for not looking for work. For coverage of survey and definitions, refer to EXPLANATORY NOTE.



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